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REMARKS

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- Between 1 and 10 November 1950, the Flak Kaserne on Ettersburgerstrasse, Weimar (M 51/J 57), quartered about 1,200 troops wearing red-bordered black epaulets with artillery insignia. Primarily reconditioning was being done in the installation during the period of observation. Only on two days were two groups of 30 and 45 men each observed drilling. About 1,000 troops had assembled in the barracks yard on the October Revolution Day, 7 November. On 9 November, 30 soldiers were seen covering six 76.2-mm AA guns standing in front of the garages with canvas.

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- Four 76.2-mm AA guns were still emplaced at Ettersberg. The gun emplacements were well camouflaged.
- The eastern section of the Tannenberg Kaserne was occupied by a small detail of soldiers who wore red-bordered black epaulets. On 7 November, on the occasion of October Revolution Day, about 300 troops wearing red-bordered black epaulets, some with motor transport insignia, assembled in the yard of the central section of the Tannenberg Kaserne. [REDACTED] were observed there. The western section of the Tannenberg Kaserne quartered Volkspolizei personnel. (2)

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- On 4 November, about 120 soldiers were seen drilling, both with and without rifles, in the eastern section of the Luetzendorff Kaserne. A roll call involving about 400 troops wearing red-bordered black epaulets, some with artillery insignia, was held in the barracks yard on 7 November.

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Four 37-mm guns were still emplaced at the gas works. In the central section of the Luetzendorff Kaserne, 700 to 800 troops wearing black epaulets, some with signal insignia, were seen at a roll call on 7 November. They included about 200 soldiers with closely cropped hair, apparently recruits. Motor

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hospital in the western section of the Luetzendorff Kaserne was occupied to capacity. The hospital orderlies, 30 to 40 men, wore red-bordered black epaulets without branch-of-service insignia. Some rooms in this barracks section were still occupied by Soviet dependents. [REDACTED] at the hospital. (3)

5. A roll call was not observed in the Mueller Kaserne on 7 November. The installation still quartered about 400 troops wearing black epaulets with signal insignia. [REDACTED] left the installation toward the city of Weimar.

[REDACTED] were also identified in the billeting area. The cable junctions on Doeckelsberg and in Pelvedereallee were still occupied by personnel of a signal unit. Radio truck C 4-56-84, which had a charging unit which was not in operation, was again observed near the barracks gate on Duererstrasse. Sedons [REDACTED]

6. The Flieger Kaserne, Mohra, was still occupied by about 4,000 troops, most of them recruits. Troops observed wore red-bordered black epaulets, some with tank and artillery insignia. Groups of 40 to 60 soldiers were seen at close-combat practice, training in forest fighting, and entrenching exercises. Drivers' training was no longer observed. Motor [REDACTED]

7. On 11 November the Panzer Kaserne on Jenaerstrasse was still occupied by 200 to 250 soldiers wearing black-bordered red epaulets without branch-of-service insignia. No training activity was observed. (5)

8. Many officers were seen at the Sophien Krankenhaus (hospital) on Humboldtstrasse. [REDACTED] a high-echelon headquarters to be located there, to which the headquarters in Naumburg was subordinate. Sedan B 2-75-03, which belonged to the headquarters in the superior provincial court (Oberlandesgericht) building in Naumburg, was identified in front of the Sophien Krankenhaus. [REDACTED]

9. Only a few soldiers wearing red-bordered black epaulets and black-bordered red epaulets were seen at the Polizei Kaserne on Rosentalstrasse. The troops quartered in the installation were estimated at 50 to 80. [REDACTED]

- Comments.
(1) [REDACTED] so reported the Flak Kaserne to be occupied by 1,200 troops on 31 October. [REDACTED]

- (2) The eastern section of the Tannenberg Kaserne was used in October as a transient quarters for personnel due for demobilization. [REDACTED] Since this section quartered only a small detail in early November, probably a demobilization processing staff, it is believed that no troops were processed for discharge at that time.

- (3) Since the number of troops in the Luetzendorff Kaserne increased since the last report of mid-October by [REDACTED], it is believed that units returned to the installation from troop training grounds during the intervening period. [REDACTED]

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- (4) Since mid-June [REDACTED] has continued to report that the Flieger Kaserne quartered about 4,000 troops, predominantly recruits. [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] commented that, despite its location in the woods, the installation could hardly be approached and that his information was restricted to a rough estimate of the number of troops stationed there and casual details on training activities outside the billeting area. [REDACTED] happened to observe the departure of the unit stationed there for a troop training grounds in April and the arrival of about 4,000 troops with closely cropped hair in June, but did not witness the return of the unit from summer exercises. [REDACTED] According to a document obtained on 11 October, the 65th Gds Mecz Regt of the 20th Gds Mecz Div, which is stationed in Mohra, had been at the Ohrdruf troop training grounds. The units which conducted their summer training in the Ohrdruf area departed by the end of October, all quarters there being vacant on 28 October 1950. [REDACTED]

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It is, therefore, obvious that the 65th Gds Mecz Regt had also left Ohrdruf by that time, returning to its winter quarters in Mohra. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] did not observe the return of this unit, the motor he reported indicate that a component unit of the 20th Gds Mecz Div is still stationed in the installation.

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- (5) Compare with similar information of early October by the same [REDACTED]. [REDACTED] An SSC fuel dump may be located in

the western section of the Panzer Kaserne.

- (6) The high-echelon headquarters, namely the Hq Eighth Gds Army, was reported by [REDACTED] to be located in the Sophien Krankenhaus in early and late September. [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] was correct in assuming for the first time that the headquarters in the Sophien Krankenhaus was connected with a headquarters in Naumburg, namely the Hq XXIX Gds Mtz Rifle Corps. [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] sedan, probably employed as a courier of the series assigned to the corps headquarters in Naumburg.

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